

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A method for auto-boating, comprising:
 - supporting a tape substrate having first and second end portions on a boat, the first and second end portions having a width of between approximately two millimeters and six millimeters;
 - horizontally extending a pair of end sleeves toward respective ones of the tape substrate, each end sleeve having a thickness of no more than 0.675 millimeters;
 - sandwiching the first and second end portions between respective ones of the end sleeves and the boat;
 - magnetically coupling a boat clip to the boat; and
 - horizontally retracting the end sleeves from between respective ones of the first and second end portions and the boat clip.
2. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the end sleeves are rectangularly shaped.
3. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the end portions have a width of approximately four millimeters.
4. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the tape substrate is formed from polyimide.
5. (original) A method for auto-boating, comprising:
 - supporting a tape substrate having first and second end portions on a boat;

sandwiching the first and second end portions between respective ones of a pair of end sleeves and the boat;

coupling a boat clip to the boat; and

removing the end sleeves from between the first and second end portions and the boat clip.

6. (original) The method of Claim 5, further comprising horizontally extending the pair of end sleeves toward the tape substrate before the sandwiching step.

7. (original) The method of Claim 5, wherein the end sleeves are rectangularly shaped.

8. (original) The method of Claim 5, wherein the end sleeves have a thickness of no more than 0.675 millimeters.

9. (original) The method of Claim 5, wherein the end portions have a width of between approximately two millimeters and six millimeters.

10. (original) The method of Claim 5, wherein the end portions have a width of approximately four millimeters.

11. (original) The method of Claim 5, wherein the tape substrate is formed from polyimide.

12. (original) The method of Claim 5, wherein coupling the boat clip comprises magnetically coupling the boat clip.

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